



U.S. Strategic Command Biography



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Ms. Linda S. Specht is the Foreign Policy Advisor to the Commander of the United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM), Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. Consisting of the headquarters staff and four subordinate commands, USSTRATCOM is one of nine Unified Combatant Commands in the Department of Defense.

In this capacity, she provides advice to the Commander and command staff on foreign policy implications of U.S. Strategic Command's global responsibilities.

Ms. Specht most recently served as U.S. Consul in Adana, Turkey. Prior to that, she served as Deputy Director of the Office of Pakistan Affairs, the Director of the Office of Terrorism Finance and Economic Sanctions Policy, and the Deputy Director of the Office of Arabian Peninsula Affairs at the U.S. State Department.

Ms. Specht was embedded with U.S. and Coalition forces during two tours in Iraq and one tour in Afghanistan. In 2008-2009, she served as team leader of an embedded Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in north Baghdad province. In 2006-2007, she served as a senior U.S. Representative to the Dutch PRT. In addition, she served as an economic officer at the Coalition Provisional Authority and U.S. Embassy, Baghdad in 2004.

During earlier tours, Ms. Specht served in Cameroon, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea and Suriname.

Ms. Specht earned her Bachelor of Arts in 1982 at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. She earned a Master of Arts at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in 1987. And in 2008, she earned a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies.

Ms. Specht's awards include Superior Honor Awards in 2018, 2011, 2010, 1999 and the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal from the Department of the Army in 2009.

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